

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MEETING  
May 9, 2012**

**Present**

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner  
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner  
Robert Ladd, Commissioner  
Steve LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Recycling**

Jane Church and Corinne Baker, members of the Hampton Recycling Committee, gave a presentation on recycling. Ms. Church said their committee has been very active recently in reaching out to various organizations and the schools to encourage recycling.

Ms. Church said Hampton is presently at 33% for recycling. The percentage in 2009 was 17%. The goal set in 2009 was to reach 50% and the Town needs to reach that percentage. It is very important to reduce the amount of trash. Besides curb-side recycling, there are locations where items such as ink, toners, computers, etc. can be left. These locations are on the Town website.

Ms. Church gave examples of what can and cannot be recycled. She said everyone received a sheet with this information when their barrels were delivered. However, it has now been updated and is on the Town website. Copies can also be obtained at the library and Town Office.

**Beautification**

Linda Gebhart said John Gebhart has cleaned out the tree wells. The tree on H Street is dead. This occurred during the last two weeks. Chairman Rage said that it was most likely due to salt water during the recent storm. Ms. Gebhart said the storm also damaged plants at Centennial Park and the banner at the park entrance.

**Fire Department Lease**

Chairman Rage said the lease is up. However, the lease will now be extended. While the new fire station is being built, fire protection will continue.

**Moved** by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, to sign the extended lease for the beach fire station.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Buckley said the Grandmaison family has sent a donation for flowers and beautification. She said a friend, Larry Gunn, passed away recently and the family asked that money be donated to the Hampton Beach Village District in lieu of flowers.

Commissioner Buckley thanked Assistant Principal Mike Daboul at Winnacunnet High School for inviting her to speak at the school and ask for volunteers for the sand sculpture event. Forty-one students volunteered.

Chairman Rage said he would like to make a housekeeping motion.

**Moved** by Chairman Rage, seconded by Commissioner Buckley, pursuant to Article 41 to give the Treasurer permission to legally disperse funds with the weekly payroll.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

May and June Minutes will be approved at the July meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Tim Jones, 16 Dustin Ave., discussed concessions at the beach. He said the Town Attorney researched this in early April. The results are on the Town website. Mr. Jones said he feels the State is not in conformance with this information and is ignoring the law. Richard Reniere, 29 Highland Ave., questioned the definition of "concession". Chairman Rage said the State is presently arguing the definition. At this point, there has been no resolution.

Mr. Jones discussed the proposed Hookah lounge. He asked if there has been a rehearing. Chairman Rage said there has not. Mr. Jones said the proposed model for this lounge is flawed and cannot work. However, the Zoning Board did a good job explaining the law.

Mr. Jones said the word "Precinct" is a perversion of reality. The "Precinct" does not exist. Mr. Jones said he considers the use of the word "Precinct" is misrepresentation.

Commissioner Ladd discussed the issue regarding concessions. He said he did not feel this was an issue to argue with the State.

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### **Closing Comments**

Commissioner Buckley thanked everyone who has volunteered for the sand sculpture event. More volunteers are needed. Anyone wishing to volunteer should call Commissioner Buckley at 396-6225. Commissioner Buckley said sand will be poured on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The competition will be June 21<sup>st</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sculptures will be up until July 8<sup>th</sup>.

John Kane, Marketing Director, said there will be 10 masters competing in the sand sculpture event. Artists will select the winners. There will also be a "People's Choice" award. Unitil has dedicated the lights so the area can be lit at night until July 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kane thanked all sponsors of the event.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice  
Secretary